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Evaluation of the Department of Health National Heatwave Plan

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Abstract:

This evaluation report includes a number of recommendations to the Department of Health.

Recommendations on improvements to the plan include improving communication, re-visiting definitions of and the expectations for caring for vulnerable individuals and re-visiting the measures and thresholds that the plan and the associated levels are based around. Limitations are discussed, both in respect to this evaulation and the overall issue of agreeing the correct baselines and comparisons in order to identify the impacts of heatwaves.

Source: http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3893353/

Resource Description

Communication: M

resource focus on research or methods on how to communicate or frame issues on climate change; surveys of attitudes, knowledge, beliefs about climate change

A focus of content

Communication Audience: M

audience to whom the resource is directed

Health Professional, Policymaker

Early Warning System: **☑**

resource focus on systems used to warn populations of high temperatures, extreme weather, or other elements of climate change to prevent harm to health

A focus of content

Exposure: M

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Temperature

Temperature: Extreme Heat

Geographic Feature: M

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resource focuses on specific type of geography

None or Unspecified

Geographic Location: M

resource focuses on specific location

Non-United States

Non-United States: Europe

European Region/Country: European Country

Other European Country: England

Health Impact: M

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

Injury, Other Health Impact

Other Health Impact: heat related morbidity and mortality

Intervention: M

strategy to prepare for or reduce the impact of climate change on health

A focus of content

Medical Community Engagement:

resource focus on how the medical community discusses or acts to address health impacts of climate change

A focus of content

mitigation or adaptation strategy is a focus of resource

Adaptation

Resource Type: M

format or standard characteristic of resource

Research Article

Resilience: M

capacity of an individual, community, or institution to dynamically and effectively respond or adapt to shifting climate impact circumstances while continuing to function

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Timescale: M

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified

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Vulnerability/Impact Assessment: ☑

resource focus on process of identifying, quantifying, and prioritizing vulnerabilities in a system A focus of content